

California Water Plan – Update 2013
Breakout Session: Groundwater
Role of the Groundwater Caucus

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Groundwater Caucus: Group Charge

- A statewide topic-based workgroup
- Supports development of Update 2013 through discussions and deliberations of core groundwater topics and issues
- Provides updates to project team, Public and Tribal ACs, and the State Agency Steering Committee

Groundwater Caucus: Members

- **81 Members**

- 63 non-DWR representatives
- 18 DWR representatives

- **Represent Wide Range of Entities**

- Local/state/federal
- Water agencies
- Nonprofits/coalitions
- Consultants

Groundwater Caucus: Scope of Work

DWR Work Team: Develops Technical Content Groundwater Caucus Scope:

- Reviews and provides input on application and presentation of data, and methodologies
- Reviews case studies/case study approaches and makes recommendations
- Evaluates policy considerations and makes recommendations

Groundwater Caucus: May 19 Workshop

Project Deliverables Discussed:

1. Compile GW data and information
2. Summarize GW conditions/management activities
3. Identify data gaps
4. Estimate annual change in GW storage
5. Present case studies

Groundwater Caucus: Workshop Highlights

1. GW data/information:

- Model areas/platforms; GW ordinances; WQ info

2. GW conditions/management activities:

- Existing & planned projects; WQ challenges

3. Identify data gaps:

- Spatially related data; reliability and data quality

4. Estimate annual change in GW storage:

- Data quality; appropriate period of analysis

5. Present case studies:

- In-depth analyses (quantity & quality);
representative of different hydrogeologic settings;
lessons relating to complex problems, solutions,
and challenges

